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Today is Martin Luther King Day

Today, January 16th marks the 28th anniversary the celebrations the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in the United States, although the actual date is January 15th.

The United States and around the globe people who embrace his legacy will be using this day to pay tribute to the ideals he represented.



Prins and Panchos are in place for Carnival 58

Aruba's 2012 Carnival season is in full swing, and the first of numerous pageants to select the royalty that will reign over the land until Ash Wednesday, February 22, took place this past Saturday evening at the Aruba Entertainment Center.

The Prins and Pancho, (Jester) are the regally garbed young men seen prancing and dancing around Carnival events, who are the official escorts of the various Queens yet to be chosen. They are selected in three categories, Children, Youth and Adult.

The process required candidates to prove their worth by entertaining, and most importantly, amusing a packed stadium of carnival enthusiasts. This often included broad, slapstick antics, and among the older candidates, gossipy, ribald and sometimes political humor.

It was a tough choice, but judges finally selected Aruba's Prins and Panchos for 2012:

• Prins and Pancho Infantil (Children) 2012

Prins: "Kiko a pasa" Jayrick Lopez

Pancho: "Nada u'n pasa" Pressy Pesqueira representing Companashi Carnival Group

• Prins and Pancho Hubenil (Youth) 2012

Prins: Fabu Jordan Hilario
Pancho: Loso Emon Webb representing Royal Carnival Group

• Prins and Pancho Grandi (Adult) 2012

Prins: Bin Tuma Eduardo Loeftop
Pancho: Bo Cos Jonathan Thiel representing Champagne Carnival Group

All the candidates worked very hard to be part of this year's carnival royalty, with exceedingly entertaining and energetic routines.

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All the new prins and panchos



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Caribbean Festival ready to roll again for 2012

SAN NICOLAS -- After a brief break for the holidays, the popular San Nicolas Caribbean Festival has announced that they are ready to begin their weekly festivities for 2012. Their first festival for 2012 is scheduled to take place this week, Thursday, January 19th. The project Coordinator, Ruthlene Flemming and the group of 7 members of the Caribbean Foundation together with the support of the Aruba Tourism Authority, is ready to provide our tourists and locals another year of exciting festivities in a Caribbean ambience.

The popular Caribbean Festival has received attention from International press and has attracted tourists from all over the world while vacationing on Aruba. The famous www.tripadvisor.com website has included many positive comments about the festival on their pages.

Within six short months Caribbean Festival became the festival where tourists and locals alike enjoy themselves to the hilt. At the festival foods of the Caribbean is in abundance, a splendid cultural show and a fabulous Carnival jump up to the tune of an enthusiastic brass band at the close of each event.

The entire event is a show of local culture, music, food,

art and love for Aruba. The team of 7 members and their supervisor is grateful for the various vendors who come out every Thursday to offer their delicacies to the myriad of participants from every corner of the island.

They are now calling on anyone interested in selling their delicacies or handicrafts to contact them. The festival wants to see local foods from Aruba, Curacao, Bonaire, St. Maarten, Santo Domingo, Cuba, Colombia, Venezuela, Jamaica and Suriname, and from the other islands in the Caribbean. Delicacies such as the chuculati pinda, bolo di 3 lechi, the quesillo, rum cake, coconut cake, raspao, the batidos di fruta and lots more is more than welcome at the festival. The festival is a weekly activity held every Thursday afternoon at the entrance of the San Nicolaas main street shopping entrance. Call 584-0769 or 582-3777 for more information and to enquire about bringing your special product to offer our visitors and locals.

Caribbean Festival is also the ideal place for our artists to display and offer for sale their works of art, as well as to offer typical Aruban figurines and souvenirs. Everyone is cordially invited to come and participate in this fabulous Thursday event in San Nicolas.

Coldwell Banker Aruba close off its Toys for Tots 2011 campaign

ORANJESTAD, Coldwell Banker Aruba Realty recently closed off its annual Toys for Tots campaign and announce the event was a complete success, thanks to the generous support of the Aruban community. The organizers achieved their goal in putting a smile on the face of 337 underprivileged youngsters.

Toys for Tots is a project dedicated to providing an equally happy Christmas for the less fortunate children on our island, so they too can enjoy the spirit of the season. Organizers of this annual campaign collect toys from the community during the last two months of the year for the youngsters whose parents do not have the means to do so.

The donation of age-appropriate playthings ranged from baby to 16-years-old. All the toys without wrapping that were delivered to Coldwell Banker, DA, Top 1 Toys and Plaza Bookshop were sent to Coldwell Banker where the organizers wrapped all in beautiful Christmas and Santa Claus wrappings, then delivered them to various foundations and homes: Red Cross, Foundation for Women in Difficulty, Imeldahof and Casa Cuna were among the recipients where children received gifts.

The generosity of both islanders and companies was tremendous. Coldwell Banker expresses its gratitude toward the following companies for their donations: Fabulous & Co, Brown Lawyers, Flora Market, Visser Pharmacy, DA, Plaza Bookshop, Top 1 Toys, Toys R Us and the University of Aruba.

Coldwell Banker also expresses its gratitude to the Aruba community for participating in the Toys for Tots 2011 campaign. "The dynamic team at Coldwell Banker is ready for next year, and hope the Aruban community is will-



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First Aruba-Harvard Workshop at the dr.Edward Cheung Innovation Centre”

ORANJESTAD- On January 16 and 17, the Government of Aruba will host a unique and dynamic “Aruba-Harvard Workshop on Sustainable Energy and Development” with the participation of seven leading professors from Harvard University in the fields of business, science, engineering, ecology and public policy to examine in both broad and narrow terms the status of Aruba’s efforts on sustainable energy, the challenges and the plans for the future.

The goal of the Aruba-Harvard Workshop is to explore creative solutions and approaches not only for Aruba

but for the region as a whole and to further establish Aruba’s reputation as a premier center in Latin America and the Caribbean for the study of complex scientific and public policy issues.

As Prime Minister Eman stated, “The interest in Aruba by the Harvard Center for the Environment and by such a distinguished delegation of Professors from Harvard is gratifying and provides further recognition of Aruba’s growing reputation as a premier site in the Caribbean and Latin America for the study of challenging issues. The Workshop is a logical outgrowth of, and

complement to, our Renewable Energy Institute and our Annual Green Energy Conference and will provide a smaller, more informal setting for the examination of these important topics. Aruba is proud to continue its rise as a leader in the region in exploring difficult challenges in the area of the environment, sustainability and renewable energy.”

The impressive Harvard delegation will be joined by counterparts from Aruba, including local Aruban experts and those advisers assisting Aruba, including TNO as well as distinguished professors from TU Delft.

The idea for the Aruba-Harvard Workshop developed out of a meeting at Harvard University between Prime Minister Mike Eman and Professor Daniel P. Schrag, Director of the Harvard University Center for the Environment. Schrag also serves on President Barack Obama’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology.

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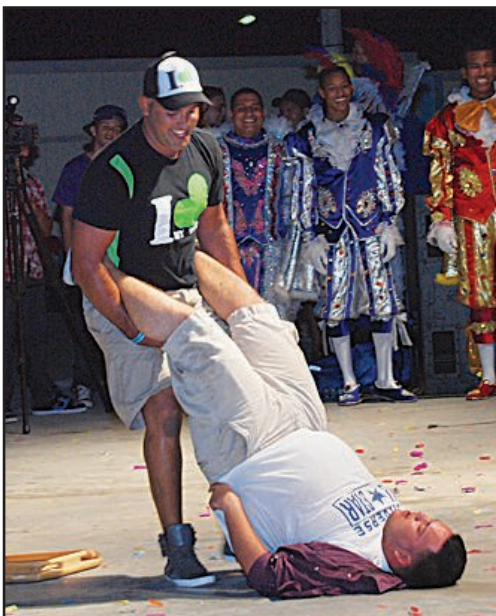
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Crazy antics win the day



Retiring Prins and Pancho show what it takes to make the grade



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Enthusiastic supporters cheer on their candidates

Last year's winners expressed their regrets as they abdicated in favor of the new Prins and Pancho and presented gifts of gratitude to various individuals who supported them during the Carnival season 57, including Tecla Kelly-Hernandez, President of the Stichting Arubaanse Carnaval, SAC, the governing body of entire event.

by Rosalie Klein

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Schrag, one of the world's leading climate change experts, was extremely interested in Aruba and what it is doing in the area of sustainability and renewable energy.

According to Prime Minister Eman, "I was very impressed with Professor Schrag's depth of knowledge not only on climate change, but on island nations generally and the challenges they face in the decades ahead. We are honored to have him and his distinguished colleagues visit Aruba and share their knowledge. We also are proud to be able to share what Aruba is doing and how Aruba is contributing to the region as a knowledge center for renewable energy and sustainability."

In addition to Schrag, the following Harvard professors also will participate in the workshop: George Baker, a Professor of Business Administration currently on leave from the Harvard Business School and a leader on energy storage issues; Michael J. Aziz, a Professor of Materials and Technologies at the Harvard School of Engineering and Applied Sciences with expertise in making solar photovoltaic

materials more efficient; Peter Huybers, a Professor of Earth and Planetary Sciences with expertise in climate science and the Caribbean; Jonathan B. Losos, a Professor of Organismic and Evolutionary Biology and an leading ecologist with special focus on biodiversity and the measurement of environmental degradation by studying how various species react to environmental stress; David Keith, a Professor Applied Physics at the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences and also a Professor of Public Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School, and Henry Lee, a Senior Lecturer in Public Policy at the Kennedy School and the Director of the Environment and Natural Resources Program with particular expertise in sustainable transportation.

Joining the Harvard professors will be the Ministers from the Government of Aruba as well as Aruban experts, commentators and advisers, including: Jan H.J. Ebbing of TNO, Dr. Ryan Peterson of the University of Aruba, and Professor Jan van der Tempel, of TU Delft and an expert in wind energy issues.

Strong quakes rattle remote Antarctica

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Two strong earthquakes 40 minutes apart rocked the remote South Orkney Islands in Antarctica yesterday, experts

from the US Geological Survey said.

The epicenter of the first, a magnitude 6.6 temblor, was at a depth of 10 kilometers (six miles), some 539 kilometers (334 miles) west of Coronation Island, the USGS said. No destructive tsunami was created, according to a US-based warning center.

The first quake occurred at 1340 GMT. About 40 minutes later the region was struck by an aftershock measured at 6.2. A second 5.1-magnitude aftershock occurred at around 1640 GMT, USGS said later.

The South Orkney Islands form a remote archipelago in the Southern Ocean to the northeast of the Antarctic Peninsula.

"There is the small possibility of a local or regional tsunami that could affect coasts located usually no more than a few hundreds kilometers from the earthquake epicenter," the Hawaii-based Pacific Tsunami Warning Center said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Romney takes a hit from the Christian right

CHARLESTON (AFP) - Republican frontrunner Mitt Romney hit a roadblock yesterday in South Carolina as Christian conservative leaders coalesced behind Rick Santorum in the race for the presidential nomination.

A group of 155 Christian evangelical leaders from around the country endorsed Santorum, a former Pennsylvania senator, Saturday after holding a vote on a Texas ranch to agree on a single candidate before the January 21 South Carolina primary.

"It's a big hit, let's be honest," Senator John McCain, who recently endorsed Romney, said on CNN. "There's a very strong evangelical movement in South Carolina, particularly inland."

The move by the Christian right brought to the surface an undercurrent of alarm, if not outright hostility, among some evangelical Christians over the prospect of a Mormon being nominated to run against President Barack Obama in November.

That hurdle to Romney's nomination has come into sharper relief as the Republican race has moved out of the northern states into the Bible Belt, where religion and politics often make for a volatile mix.

Candidates passed over by the Christian right scrambled to paper over their loss, saying they believed the fight would be on the economy in a state with high unemployment that has struggled to emerge from recession.

"The one consensus was nobody was for Mitt Romney," said Gingrich, running a close second in the polls, on NBC's Meet the Press, adding he had strong support from conservatives.

But Gingrich, who repre-

sented neighboring Georgia in Congress, acknowledged that the bloated Republican field helps Romney. "The only way a Massachusetts moderate can get through South Carolina is if the vote is split, but we have six days to make our case to people," he said.

Gingrich and other rivals kept their attacks trained on Romney's record as a former venture capitalist who they say destroyed thousands of jobs during lucrative corporate takeovers.

The attacks, including Texas Governor Rick Perry's graphic depiction of venture capitalists as vultures waiting to swoop in and devour weakened companies, have unsettled some establishment Republicans who complain they are playing Obama's game for him.

"The fact is, if this is a fatal flaw, we need to be talking about it now, not talking about it in September and October," Perry told CNN.

Gingrich echoed that line in an interview with CBS's Face the Nation, saying, "It's fair to raise the questions now, get them out of the way now to make sure that whoever we nominate is clear enough, public enough, accountable enough that they can withstand the Obama onslaught."

The candidates face off in two debates ahead of Saturday's crucial South Carolina vote -- the first in Myrtle Beach today and the second in Charleston on Thursday.

Surveys show Romney leading the field in South Carolina with 26.7 percent support, according to Real Clear Politics, a website that aggregates poll numbers. He is followed by Gingrich at 22 percent, Santorum at 14.7 percent, Ron Paul at 14.7 percent, and Perry tied with Huntsman at 5.7 percent.



INDONESIA, Serang : Flood stricken residents of Serang town in Banten province are evacuated by rescuers on January 15, 2012 after heavy rainfall caused the water from Ciujung river to overflow and submerged several districts. The floods submerged portion Tangerang-Merak toll road, Indonesia's major highway route in western Java island paralyzing traffic. AFP PHOTO

PepsiCo says finds trace fungicide in orange juice

CHICAGO - PepsiCo Inc said company tests of its Tropicana orange juice showed low levels of a potentially dangerous fungicide, but levels were below federal safety concerns and did not pose a health risk.

The company said in a statement on Saturday it was conducting additional tests after the Food and Drug Administration announced on Wednesday that it would temporarily halt orange juice imports and remove any juice found to have dangerous amounts of the fungicide carbendazim.

The scare was triggered when soft-drink giant Coca-Cola Co, maker of Minute Maid orange juice, said it had discovered carbendazim in shipments from Brazil and alerted U.S. authorities about a potential industry-wide problem.

Carbendazim is used in Brazil to combat blossom blight and black spot, a type of mold that grows on orange trees.

But in the United States, its

use is limited to non-food items such as paints, textiles and ornamental trees, although U.S. authorities allow trace amounts of carbendazim in 31 food types including grains, nuts and some non-citrus fruits.

The FDA said low levels of carbendazim are not dangerous and the agency had no plans for a recall.

"The results we have to date confirm that the levels of fungicide in the imported Brazilian juice we tested are below the levels the agencies said raise safety concerns," PepsiCo said. "We will continue to test, as we take this matter seriously, and we're working aggressively to address any concerns."

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El Hierro Volcano eruption



HIERRO-- Handout picture released on January 15, 2012 by the Spanish government, shows fragments of smoking lava at sea off the coast of the Spanish Canary Island of El Hierro on January 14, 2012. A series of quakes including one measuring 4.0 on the Richter scale have been shaking Hierro island in Spain's Canaries for the past months, weeks after a nearby undersea volcanic eruption. (AFP PHOTO)

Hacker says to release full Norton Antivirus code tomorrow

NEW DELHI - A hacker who goes by the name of 'Yama Tough' threatened Saturday to release this week the full source code for Symantec Corp's flagship Norton Antivirus software.

"Tomorrow behold the full Norton Antivirus 1.7Gb src,

the rest will follow," Yama Tough posted via Twitter.

In the past week Yama Tough has released fragments of source code from Symantec products along with a cache of emails. The hacker says all the data was taken from Indian government servers

Costa 'showboating' may have caused Italy disaster

ROME (AFP) - A risky practice by cruise ships of close-passing the island of Giglio in a foghorn-blasting salute to the local population appears to have contributed to the Costa Concordia disaster, officials and witnesses said yesterday.

The 114,500 ton monster cruise liner with more than 4,200 passengers and crew on board, sank after hitting a reef only 300 meters (985 feet) from shore late Friday as it passed much too close to the shore of the Tuscan island on its route to Savona in northern Italy.

Defence Minister Giampaolo Di Paola, a former Italian navy admiral, blamed "gross human error" for the disaster in comments to Rai3 television yesterday.

"Ships of such dimensions cannot sail so close to a coastline where one knows there are rocks," the minister said.

Some witnesses said the ship was indulging the local population with a spectacular parade past the island in what is known locally as an "inchino" or reverent bow, with its upper decks ablaze with light as many of the passengers sat down to dinner.

Adding weight to the theory, the daily La Stampa yesterday published a letter dated last August in which Giglio's mayor Sergio Ortelli thanked the Concordia's captain for the "incredible spectacle" of a previous close pass.

The mayor told journalists on the island on Saturday that the normal route for cruise ships heading north from the port of Civitavecchia near Rome takes them to within three to five kilometers (1.8 to 3.1 miles) of Giglio. "Many of them pass close to Giglio to salute the local population with blasts from their sirens."

"It's a very nice show to see, the ship all lit up when



Rescuers stand in a boat next to the Costa Concordia cruise ship that ran aground off the west coast at Giglio island

you see it from the land. This time round it went wrong," said the mayor.

Yesterday however, Ortelli denied that it was a regular practice to come so close to the island.

"It's not the practice, or in any way a programmed salute but always in safe conditions," he said.

Ortelli said some skippers of Costa cruise liners liked to "pay tribute" to former colleagues who have retired to the island but that this always occurred in "safe conditions."

Francesco Verusio, the Tuscany region's chief prosecutor, said the ship's captain "should not have been sailing so close to the island" and had him arrested for multiple homicide and abandoning his ship before all the passengers were off.

He said that the captain had "approached Giglio in a very awkward manner", which led the ship to "hit a rock that became embedded in its left side, causing it to list and take in an enormous amount of water in the space of two or three minutes."

Enrico Rossi, the president of the Tuscany region, visited the island yesterday to see the rescue effort at first hand. He said he would ask the environment ministry today to ensure

that cruise ships adhere strictly to navigation rules in future.

"It's shocking to learn that a ship of this size can navigate so close to the coast," Rossi told AFP, adding that it should be possible to balance the need to entertain passengers with the safety of the ship.

Two South Korean honeymooners and an Italian crewman were rescued yesterday from wreck in Italy but emergency services found another two bodies, bringing the death toll from the disaster to five.

Rescuers were still hunting for more than a dozen people missing but they said the search in the half-submerged ship was highly dangerous because the decks were at almost a 90-degree angle and there was a risk that the ship could slip off the rocks it had struck and sink altogether.

Fire crew chief Cosimo Pulito said rescuers had only searched a quarter of the ship so far, including most of the area above water and some underwater parts, but that it was unlikely there were any air pockets.

Enrico Rossi, governor of the Tuscany region, had earlier told reporters at the scene that there were still six crew members and 11 passengers missing.



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Health & Living

German firm denies wrongdoing in breast implant scandal

FRANKFURT (AFP) - German chemicals distributor Brenntag denied any wrongdoing in the health scandal surrounding French-made breast implants.

Brenntag rejected as "unfounded" allegations it breached its monitoring obligations with regard to the French maker of breast implants, Poly Implant Prothese or PIP.

PIP was shut down and its products were banned in April 2010 after it was revealed to have been using non-authorized, sub-standard silicone gel that caused abnormally high implant rupture rates.

"It is still unclear to this day to what extent the products delivered by Brenntag have been at all used in the implants," the German company said in a statement.

"If the silicone oils delivered under the product name of Baysilone are part of the PIP breast implants, they could only have made their way into the implant through intentional criminal and improper use by PIP, as the oils had been clearly classified as intended for industrial use only," Brenntag said.

"Silicone oils can be sold

without restrictions -- for suppliers there is no legal requirement to monitor subsequent use," it argued.

Indeed, "monitoring by suppliers is also unusual because the confidentiality of proprietary formulations and production processes is common practice across many sectors."

The health scare erupted when authorities in France last month advised 30,000 women with the implants produced by the now-bankrupt PIP to have them removed.

Brenntag said that PIP had "introduced itself as a broadly positioned healthcare provider" that sold other medical devices in addition to implants.

"As a result, there was no evidence suggesting that the products delivered by Brenntag could be intended for use in the human body," it said.

Furthermore, medical device manufacturers were subject to government supervision, it noted.

Brenntag, headquartered in Muelheim an der Ruhr in western Germany, employs a workforce of more than 12,000 and achieved global sales of 7.6 billion euros (\$10.1 billion) in 2010.

Newborns of mothers on antidepressants at risk

STOCKHOLM (AFP) - Newborns of mothers on antidepressants are more likely to have dangerously high blood pressure in the lungs, according to a study published Friday in the British Medical Journal.

Taking so-called selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) -- such as Prozac -- after the 20th week of pregnancy more than doubled the risk, the study found.

SSRIs are a class of compounds typically used to treat depression, anxiety disorders, and some personality disorders.

The study, led by Helle Kieler at the Karolinska Institute's Centre for Pharmacoepidemiology in Stockholm, looked at 1.6 million single births between 1996 and 2007 in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

In the general population, the number of newborns with the condition is 1.2 in 1,000, with a mortality rate among

babies with high blood pressure in the lungs of 15 percent.

Newborns of some 17,000 mothers who filled out prescriptions for SSRIs before the eighth week of pregnancy showed a slight increased risk of having the condition.

But for 11,000 expectant mothers who took the drugs after week 20 of their pregnancies, the risk more than doubled.

Even for this group, however, the absolute risk for newborns remained fairly low: about three in 1,000, or a 0.2 percent, the researchers said.

Kieler nonetheless suggested that doctors who treat depression in pregnant patients consider a non-drug approach to the condition.

The drugs analysed included fluoxetine, citalopram, paroxetine, sertraline, fluvoxamine and escitalopram. Fluoxetine is better known under the brand name Prozac.



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Wear protective clothing.

2. Don't smoke

If you smoke, the best way to protect your skin is to quit. Ask your doctor for tips or treatments to help you stop smoking.

3. Treat your skin gently

Daily cleansing and shaving can take a toll on your skin. To keep it gentle:

Limit bath time. Hot water and long showers or baths remove oils from your skin. Limit your bath or shower time, and use warm — rather than hot — water.

Avoid strong soaps. Instead,

choose mild cleansers.

Shave carefully. To protect and lubricate your skin, apply shaving cream, lotion or gel before shaving. For the closest shave, use a clean, sharp razor. Shave in the direction the hair grows, not against it.

Pat dry. After washing or bathing, gently pat or blot your skin dry with a towel so that some moisture remains on your skin.

Moisturize dry skin. If your skin is dry, use a moisturizer that fits your skin type. For daily use, consider a moisturizer that contains SPF.

4. Eat a healthy diet

A healthy diet can help you look and feel your best. Eat plenty of fruits, vegetables, whole grains and lean proteins. The association between diet and acne isn't clear — but some research suggests that a diet rich in vitamin C and low in unhealthy fats and processed

or refined carbohydrates might promote younger looking skin.

5. Manage stress

Uncontrolled stress can make your skin more sensitive and trigger acne breakouts and other skin problems. To encourage healthy skin — and a healthy state of mind — take steps to manage your stress.




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Failed Russian Mars Probe Crashes Into Pacific Ocean: Reports

A failed Russian Mars probe came crashing back to Earth Sunday (Jan. 15) in a death plunge over the Pacific Ocean, according to Russian news reports.

After languishing in Earth orbit for more than two months, the 14.5-ton Phobos-Grunt spacecraft fell at around 12:45 p.m. EST (1745 GMT) Sunday, apparently slamming into the atmosphere over an empty stretch of the Pacific, Russian officials told the Ria Novosti news agency.

"Phobos-Grunt fragments have crashed down in the Pacific Ocean," Alexei Zolotukhin, an official with Russia's Defense Ministry, was quoted by Ria Novosti as saying. Zolotukhin said that the spacecraft crashed about 776 miles (1,250 kilometers) west of the island of Wellington, the news agency reported.

Before the crash, Russia's Federal Space Agency, known as Roscosmos, released a map that estimated a potential crash zone in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean sometime between 12:50 p.m. and 1:34 p.m. EST (1750-1834 GMT) on Sun-

day.

The huge probe likely broke apart as it re-entered, with the vast majority of the pieces burning up in the atmosphere, but some big components were expected to survive the fiery fall. At the moment, it's not clear how many chunks of Phobos-Grunt survived, or exactly where this hail of hardy debris touched down.

Roscosmos had estimated that 20 to 30 chunks of Phobos-Grunt, weighing a total of no more than 440 pounds (200 kilograms), might hit the Earth's surface. Officials also stressed that the probe's huge reservoir of toxic fuel would burn up high over Earth.

While it can be tough for observers in the West to vet such claims from the Russians, fears that Phobos-Grunt's fall would cause dangerous chemicals to rain from the sky are probably unfounded, experts say.

"They did acknowledge early on that the fuel tanks are made of aluminum," Nick Johnson, chief scientist of NASA's Orbital Debris Program Office at the Johnson Space Center in Houston,

told SPACE.com. "Aluminum rarely survives re-entry, so there's no reason to really doubt them."

Russian officials have also repeatedly stated that there's little danger of contamination from a tiny amount of radioactive material onboard Phobos-Grunt, about 10 micrograms of Cobalt-57 that forms part of a science instrument on the craft.

Sci-Tech

LG TV named best gadget, Microsoft bows out in style

(AFP) - A razor-thin television from LG Electronics was crowned best gadget of the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) and Microsoft was a big winner in its final appearance at the annual trade event.

The 55-inch (140-centimeter) TV set from the South Korean electronics giant is just 0.16 inches (four millimeters) thick and uses OLED, or organic light-emitting diode, display technology.

OLED TVs do not require backlighting and feature better color contrast than standard flat-screen LEDs and LG and another South Korean titan, Samsung, both wowed the crowds at CES in Las Vegas with 55-inch models.

A panel of experts from technology news site CNET awarded the LG 55EM9800 the title of "Best TV" at CES but also named it "Best of Show" among the thousands of new products on display at the four-day event.

CNET said it gave the nod to the LG TV over the Samsung model in part because it has an actual shipping date -- the third quarter of the year.

When the super-set does finally hit the market it won't be for just anyone -- the 55-inch LG OLED TV is expected to cost several thousand dollars.

Microsoft, which has announced that this year's CES will be its last, saw products powered by its Windows software scoop up a couple of awards.

The Lumia 900 touchscreen from Finland's Nokia

was named best cellphone and the Envy 14 Spectre laptop from Hewlett-Packard was tapped as the best computer.

The Lumia 900, which runs on Microsoft's Windows Phone 7 operating system, is seen as Nokia's bid to break into a US smartphone market dominated by Apple's iPhone and handsets powered by Google's Android software.

The Windows-powered HP Envy 14 Spectre is what is known as an "ultrabook," a slim, lightweight laptop in a category pioneered by Apple's MacBook Air.

The HP Envy 14 Spectre is to go on sale in February for \$1,399. Pricing and availability of the Lumia 900 have not been released.

BlueStacks for Windows, a program which will ship on some upcoming Windows 8 computers, was named best software application. BlueStacks provides access to the hundreds of thousands of Android applications.

Microsoft chief executive Steve Ballmer or his predecessor, Bill Gates, have delivered the opening keynote address at CES for the past 15 years and the US software giant has traditionally had one of the largest booths on the exhibition floor.

But Microsoft announced last month that it is bowing out of the show, which attracted more than 3,100 exhibitors this year, because the January timing does not coincide with its product development calendar.

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15. Acting nominee for "The Aviator"
16. Comic-strip penguin
17. Important film of 1927, with "The"
19. What the bailiff administers
20. Hoo-ha
21. Cable option
22. Marlon, in "Streetcar"
24. Williams or Knight
25. Stone marker
26. Most featherlike
30. It might be bolstered
34. Perry's creator
35. Nude
37. Range
38. Magic or Jazz
39. Lock
41. Les États—
42. River rising in Tibet
44. Island in the Bering Sea
45. Violin part
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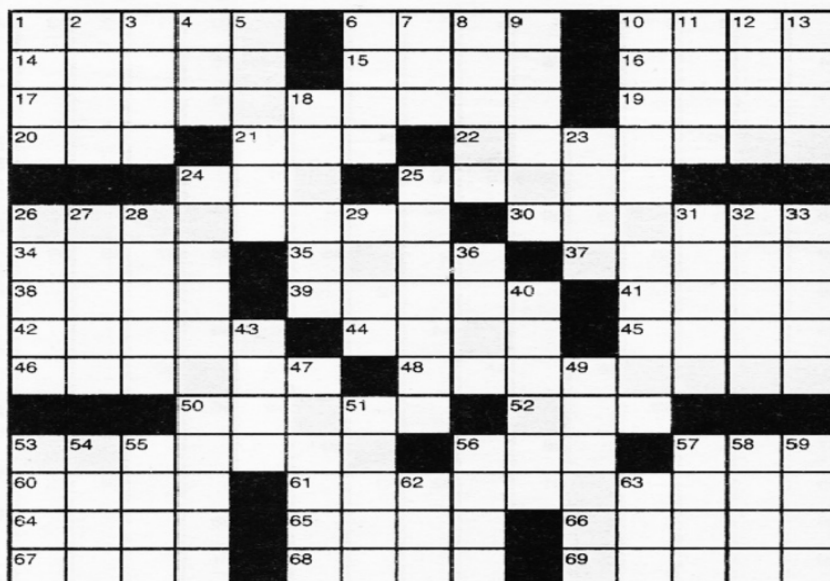
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64. Stuff in a can in the pantry
65. Girl
66. Presage
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69. Certain contract

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1. Mexican peninsula
2. Coveted role
3. Pasta that looks like rice
4. 1978 film, with "The"
5. Sonnet ending

6. Breathe like a hot dog
7. High-school course: abbr.
8. Latin "that is"
9. Moved quickly
10. Warner Bros. franchise
11. Iridescent stone
12. Unspeaking
13. Wan
18. Owing money
23. "Bummer!" in days of yore
24. Robert Preston film
25. Distend
26. Allow entrance
27. Singer Cara
28. Air freshener brand
29. FDR's mom
31. Gaffe
32. Expel

33. Lecterns
36. This: Sp.
40. Coppertone's promise
43. Short-billed rail
47. Like a virtuoso's fingers
49. Feudal tenant
51. Wrap brand
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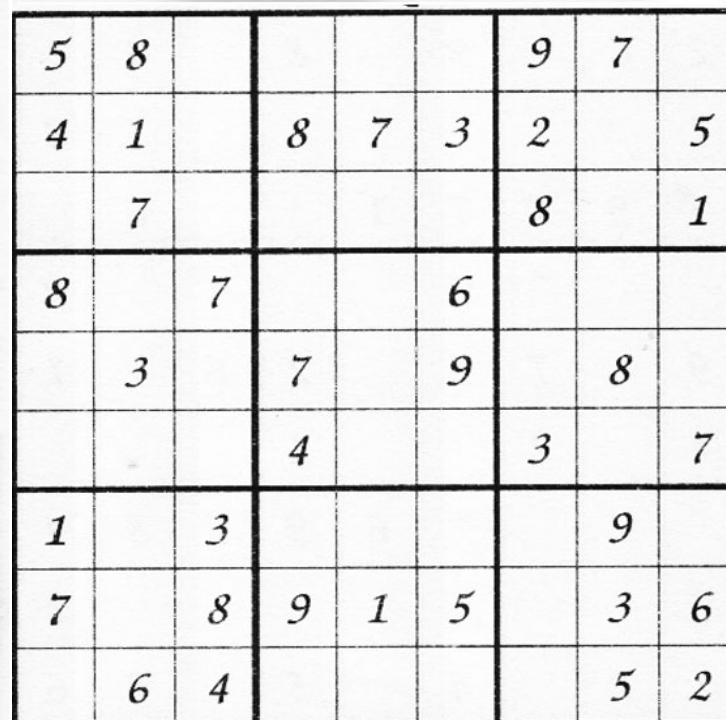
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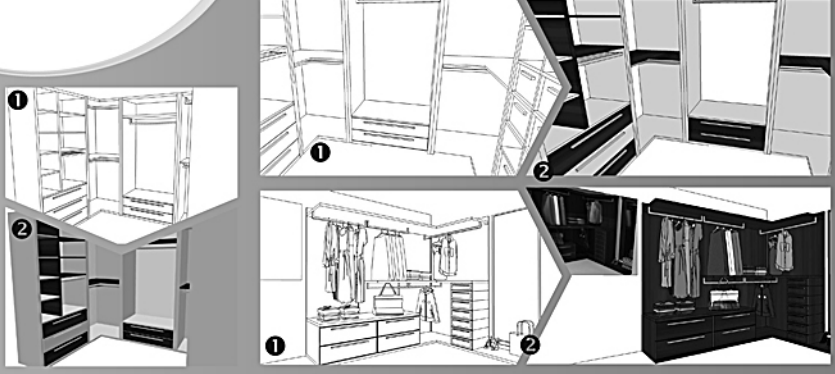
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US: Sudan threats increase oil tensions

KHARTOUM (AFP) - Threats and unilateral action by Sudan are increasing tensions over oil, the United States embassy said, urging an agreement with South Sudan at this week's African Union-led talks in Addis Ababa.

"We are greatly concerned by recent Sudanese public threats and unilateral actions that impede the flow of oil from South Sudan, jeopardise the viability of the oil sector and increase tensions," said an embassy statement dated Saturday and received on Sunday by AFP.

It called on Sudan to "stop obstructing the flow of oil from South Sudan and refrain from taking unilateral actions that will complicate the negotiations."

Sudanese officials say they are taking some South Sudanese oil destined for export as compensation during a dispute over how much the south should pay to use the north's oil infrastructure.

The south says diversion of southern oil would be "blatant theft."

Oil is vital to both countries' livelihoods, and neither north nor south can afford a long-term disruption of income or damage to its reputation with international oil companies, the US said. "We urge both states to agree on commercial oil arrangements during the upcoming talks," it said.

The latest negotiations on the oil dispute and other issues are due to begin tomorrow.

Iran warns Gulf oil states as sanctions mount

TEHRAN (AFP) - Iran has starkly warned Gulf states not to make up for any shortfall in its oil exports under new US and EU sanctions, adding yet another layer of peril to the international showdown over its nuclear program.

If Arab neighbours compensate for a looming EU ban on Iranian imports, "we would not consider these actions to be friendly," Iran's representative to OPEC, Mohammad Ali Khatibi, was quoted as saying by the Sharq newspaper yesterday.

"They will be held respon-

sible for what happens" in that case, he said, adding ominously: "One cannot predict the consequences."

The warning comes as Iran is being hammered on several fronts over its nuclear program, which it is defiantly expanding.

Western sanctions are being ratcheted up, shaking Iran's oil-dependent economy.

Furious Iranian officials are threatening to close the Strait of Hormuz in the Gulf if extra sanctions bite, cutting off the transport of 20 percent of the world's oil.

Europe divided over bailout fund boost after S&P action

BRUSSELS (AFP) - The mass debt downgrade of eurozone nations has reignited a debate over boosting the bloc's bailout fund, but governments are divided over raising their contributions, a senior EU official said yesterday.

"There is a debate. The question is still open and there is no consensus so far," the official told AFP on condition of anonymity.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel, whose country was spared by the Standard & Poor's action, refuses to increase Berlin's share in the European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF).

Germany, Europe's top economy, is already the EFSF's main guarantor, which began with 440 billion euros but has 250 billion euros left following rescues of Portugal and Ireland.

The fund is now considered too small to come to the aid of Italy or Spain, the eurozone's third and fourth economies, which are in trouble, while Greece is awaiting a second bailout.

The S&P decisions to downgrade nine eurozone nations late Friday, notably stripping France and Austria of their stellar triple-A ratings, could hit the EFSF's own credit score.

"If nothing is down to compensate (for the French and Austrian downgrades), the EFSF will lose its triple-A for long-term borrowings," the EU official said.

The US-based ratings agency had warned last month that any downgrade of one of the six AAA nations could lead to a similar cut for the EFSF. The downgrade left four AAA nations in the eurozone: Finland, Germany, Luxembourg and the Netherlands.

The EFSF is backed by guarantees from eurozone states, allowing the fund to borrow money from investors at cheap rates and then lend that money to nations that have been shut out of the private markets.

A downgrade would likely raise the interest rate demanded by investors to buy EFSF bonds.

Eurozone finance ministers, in a statement after the S&P announcement on Friday, pledged "their determination to explore the options for maintaining the EFSF's AAA rating".

One option, the EU official said, would ask the four countries that are still AAA to increase their guarantees in order to replace the two that lost their top rating.

"This poses political problems," the official said.

The second option requires increasing the EFSF's "cash buffer."

This would require the fund to borrow more than it needs during bond auctions in order to reinvest the surplus in AAA bonds, making up for the French and Austrian downgrades.

In both cases, governments would have to ramp up their contributions, but Merkel indicated Saturday that a downgrade of the EFSF would not change Germany's contribution.

The downgrades "will not torpedo the work of the EFSF and I do not see the need to change anything" about the fund, she said.

A permanent fund, the European Stability Mechanism (ESM), is due to begin operating in July. It will run in parallel with the EFSF, a temporary instrument, for one year.

The combined capacity of both funds is supposed to be capped at 500 billion euros, but several countries, the European Central Bank and the European Commission want it to be bigger.

The ESM's firepower will be discussed at a March summit.

"A number of political leaders want to discuss the issue rapidly," the EU source said.

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Beaming Oprah celebrates with first grads of S Africa school



US talk show queen and media mogul Oprah Winfrey (C) poses with the first graduates of the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls.

HENLEY-ON-KLIP (AFP) - US talk show queen Oprah Winfrey cried Saturday as the first graduates of her South African girls' academy thanked her for her effort to turn a handful of impoverished girls into elite leaders.

With the 72 graduates sitting behind her in white dresses, Winfrey, who rose to stardom and an estimated fortune of \$2.7 billion from a deprived childhood in Mississippi, spoke of why she decided to open the school with a \$40 million investment in 2007.

"I know that education is the door to freedom," Oprah, clad in an emerald green dress, said at the graduation ceremony.

"So I want to do that for girls who come from backgrounds like my own, who have disadvantaged circumstances but no disadvantaged attitudes or brainpower or spirit. I want to give them the chance that I was given."

Winfrey, 58, told the story of how she mentioned to Nelson Mandela over tea at his house one day that she was interested in building a girls' school in South Africa.

The country's first black president jumped up and immediately called then-education minister Kader Asmal, she said. By that evening Winfrey was in a planning meeting with him.

"I really thought one day I would build a school -- I didn't mean that day," she joked.

Speaking at the idyllic campus of the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls -- which boasts computer and science laboratories, a 600-seat theatre, a 10,000-volume library and even a hair salon -- Winfrey defended the idea of investing lavishly in a small group of promising young women.

The school has faced criticism for focusing on a select few in a country that struggles to meet basic education needs.

"How do you end poverty? This is how you do it," she said at a press conference after the ceremony.

"This is the beginning of the ending of poverty. These girls have now broken the cycle of poverty in their families."

"This model was created specifically to say to South Africa, if you invest in leadership, not just in schools, not just in passing tests, not just in trying to get the exams, but you invest in leadership, then leadership will pay off to your communities and to your nation."

Visibly emotional throughout the ceremony, Winfrey cried as top-10 student Mashadi Kekana gave a commencement speech thanking "Mama Oprah" for her investment in the girls.

But the school has gone through its share of crises to reach this day.

Soon after it opened in 2007, the academy was hit by allegations that a dormitory matron had sexually abused some of the girls. She was arrested and charged, but later acquitted in a decision Winfrey said at the time "profoundly disappointed" her.

Last year, the school was rocked by reports that a dead baby had been found in a student's bag after she apparently hid a pregnancy and gave birth in secret.

But students said the academy had re-shaped their lives.

All Saturday's graduates passed their end-of-year exams and will attend universities in South Africa, the United States and other countries.

The campus was packed with celebrating families, journalists and VIP guests, including Mandela's wife, Graca Machel, who gave the keynote address.

Mandela, who is increasingly frail at age 93, did not attend.

Brazil legalizes 4,000 Haiti immigrants

BRASILIA (AFP) - Brazil granted residence visas this week to 4,000 undocumented Haitian immigrants already in the country, while vowing to crack down on people-smuggling from the desperately poor Caribbean nation.

President Dilma Rousseff, who plans to visit Port-au-Prince on February 1, approved the move as Haiti marks the second anniversary of a 7.0-magnitude quake that killed between 200,000 and 300,000 people.

Some 15 percent of Haiti's entire population of almost 10 million were either killed or displaced by the January 12, 2010 quake, one of the worst natural disasters of modern times.

Brazil's move came in reaction to a large influx of Haitian immigrants, many of whom told human rights groups they were abused by traffickers in Peru and Bolivia before being smuggled into Latin America's economic powerhouse.

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"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and families, famed hotelier Ed Ma-lone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

Staying at Gold Coast is a very attractive proposition for those traveling with groups that would require multiple hotel rooms. Two and three bedroom Villas or Town Homes accommodate large numbers and offer extensive amenities along with a final cost resulting in considerable savings. The community is minutes to the best beaches and all the casino action, and offers a quiet and secluded getaway with two swimming pools and specialized services with more on the way, such as a fitness room, tennis courts and mini-mall. Ed can arrange maid service, babysitters, caterers, airline

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parents or a few couples. Beautifully appointed kitchens and bathrooms grace each abode; barbecues and lounges are provided for friendly cookouts and truly savoring the island life. All homes come with cable TV,

rental cars, spa appointments, activities and restaurant reservations are all part of the package.

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Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef



Grandma's stoba with classic rice and beans and homemade potato beet salad

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.) Thus, eating out at the authentically Aruban restaurant, The Queen's, is very affordable, with a true taste of regional cuisine.

Owner Varella Innocencia confesses she opened her restaurant in Oranjestad because "I grew up with this, and loved serving people our island food. My father and mother operated the little restaurant across from the Americana, which some may remember, the original Arawak. I remember how much our customers loved trying the local food, and they especially loved the prices!"

Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, which is acknowledged on the menu with "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"- "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak.

We also bumped into island visitors Jim and Callie from Michigan, who were eager to try island food, and were more than pleased with their venture

into local cuisine. "We will definitely return to The Queen's," they affirmed, "the food was delicious and the prices are more than right."

The menu sports a variety of steaks and tenderloin, fresh caught seafood, Caribbean lobster, and of course, one of our favorites, and what we consider a true test of local cuisine, "Keshi Yena"- "Filled Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lent that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

Located next to the Harbor at the end of the Weststraat, The Queen's is open from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. They also have daily specials, aside from an extensive menu; made from whatever is in season.

We noticed a steady stream of islanders coming for lunch in the pleasant surroundings or picking up take-out containers; always a sure sign of a winner is where the locals like to eat!



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NFL: Patriots, 49ers advance in playoffs



Drew Brees #9 of the New Orleans Saints is sacked by Aldon Smith #99 of the San Francisco 49ers in the third quarter.

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Tom Brady matched a playoff record to lead a New England victory and San Francisco made a triumphant playoff return after nine years on Saturday as both teams moved within a victory of the Super Bowl.

Brady became only the third NFL player to throw for six touchdowns in a playoff game as the Patriots ripped Denver 45-10 and Alex Smith threw for three touchdowns and ran for another to spark San Francisco over New Orleans 36-32.

Both teams advanced to conference championship games on January 22, needing to win next weekend to reach Super Bowl 46 on February 5 at Indianapolis.

San Francisco next will face Sunday's winner between the New York Giants and reigning Super Bowl champion Green Bay Packers while New England will play host to either the Baltimore Ravens or playoff-debutante Houston Texans.

"It's a one game season," Brady said. "It's all about next week for us."

Brady powered the host Patriots to their ninth victory in a row, with Denver rookie quarterback Tim Tebow unable to reproduce the magical performance that powered the Broncos to an upset of Pittsburgh last week.

"There are things we could

have done better but we played pretty well," Brady said. "Our skill guys had a great day. The offensive line played great. The defensive was solid. We started pretty fast. It was a big win for us."

Brady threw a 17-yard touchdown pass to Aaron Hernandez 3:14 into the third quarter to match the all-time record of six touchdown tosses in a playoff game set by Daryle Lamonica in 1969 and matched by Steve Young in Super Bowl 29.

It also gave the Patriots their highest point total in any playoff game and led to their most lopsided playoff victory, surpassing the old margin of 25 points.

New England's Rob Gronkowski also matched an NFL record with three touchdown catches in a playoff game. He caught 10 passes in all for 145 yards.

Brady completed his first eight passes, including a seven-yard touchdown toss to Wes Welker and a 10-yard touchdown to Gronkowski, to give the Patriots a 14-0 lead.

Denver answered on Willis McGahee's five-yard touchdown run to open the second quarter.

But Brady responded with a 12-yard touchdown throw to Gronkowski, a 61-yard touchdown pass to Deion Branch and a 19-yard touchdown toss to Gronkowski with five sec-

onds to play in the second quarter for a 35-7 Patriots half-time lead.

Brady's five first-half touchdown passes broke Peyton Manning's 2003 NFL record by one and the second half was only about settling the final margin.

At San Francisco, Smith tossed a 14-yard touchdown pass to Vernon Davis with nine seconds remaining to give the 49ers the deciding points and a victory in their first playoff game in nine years.

The Saints, 11-1 indoors this season but only 3-3 outdoors, committed five turnovers as single-season record-setting passer Drew Brees and the NFL's top offensive unit could not advance.

Smith completed 24-of-42 passes for 299 yards while Brees completed 40-of-63 passes for 462 yards and four touchdowns in a losing cause.

The lead changed hands four times in the final minutes, starting when Brees connected with Darren Sproles, who set an NFL playoff record with 15 catches for 119 yards, on a 44-yard touchdown pass that put New Orleans ahead 24-23.

San Francisco answered with an 80-yard march capped when Smith ran 28 yards around the left side for a touchdown with 2:11 remaining, but Frank Gore was stopped on a 2-point conversion run attempt.

Brees responded with a 66-yard touchdown pass over the middle to Jimmy Graham and flipped a 2-point conversion pass to Sproles to give the Saints led 32-29 with 97 seconds remaining.

But that merely set the stage for Davis, who caught a 47-yard pass to set up his touchdown catch and finished with seven receptions for 180 yards.

"We got the look with Vernon and he made a nice play that got us into field goal range... then Vernon made a great catch in traffic for the touchdown," Smith said.

Smith connected with Davis on a 49-yard touchdown pass to open the scoring 12:52 into the first quarter and boosted

the 49er lead just 87 seconds later when he found Michael Crabtree on a four-yard touchdown pass.

But Brees rallied New Orleans, throwing a 14-yard

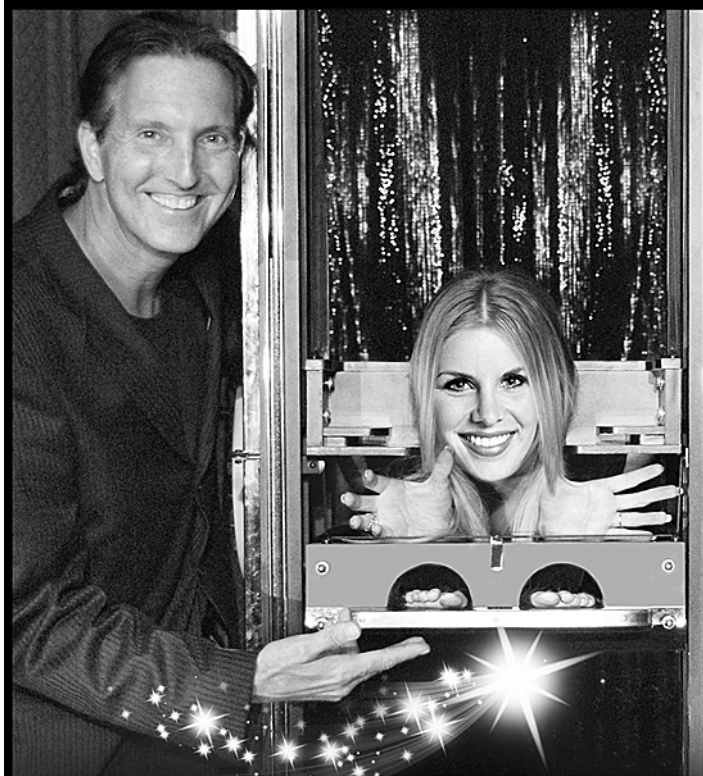
touchdown pass to Graham with 9:32 to play in the second quarter and a 25-yard touchdown pass to Marques Colston 5:23 later to pull the Saints within 17-14 at half-time.

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Paterno speaks out

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"I'm not as concerned about me," Paterno said. "What has happened to me has been great... I've had a wonderful experience at Penn State. I don't want to walk away from this thing bitter. I want to be helpful."

Paterno revealed he was in his pajamas when an assistant athletic director came to the door, handed Paterno's wife Sue a slip of paper with the telephone number of John Surma, the vice chairman of trustees. Paterno dialed the number.

"In the best interests of the university, you are terminated," Surma told him.

He hung up, told his wife and she called back, saying,

"After 61 years, he deserved better."

Paterno won more games than any other coach in history and the gridiron team's fame helped enlarge the university, its reputation and academic offerings.

"Whether it's fair I don't know, but they do it," Paterno said. "You would think I ran the show here."

Many people did think that, which made Paterno's silence in the days after his firing a source of criticism.

"I wanted everybody to settle down," Paterno said.

But Paterno also wanted to defend himself through talking to the Post as he recounted the 2002 incident when he was told by assistant coach Mike McQueary about Sandusky's alleged actions with a boy in the shower.

"He was very upset and he was very reluctant to get into it," Paterno said. "He told me what he saw, and I said, 'What?' He said it, well, looked like inappropriate, or fondling, I'm not quite sure exactly how he put it."

"I said you did what you had to do. It's my job now to figure out what we want to do. So I sat around. It was a Saturday. Waited till Sunday because I wanted to make sure I knew what I was doing. And then I called my superiors and I said, 'Hey, we got a problem, I think. Would you guys look into it?'"

Paterno arranged a meeting between Schultz, who oversaw university police, Curley and McQueary, who said he had given the pair a more graphic description of what he saw that he had given to Paterno.

"He didn't want to get specific," Paterno said.

"I don't know that it would have done any good, because I never heard of rape and a man. So I just did what I thought was best. I talked to people that I thought would be, if there was a problem, that would be following up on it."

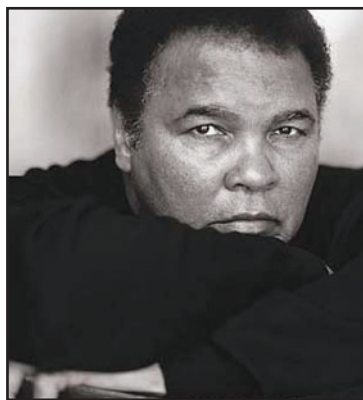
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'The Greatest' remembered at Ali's old New York gym



NEW YORK (AFP) - In Gleason's Gym, under the Brooklyn Bridge, everybody remembers Muhammad Ali, "The Greatest," one of the many champions who have passed through this mythical New York gym where men and women of all ages still train and box with passion.

An unmarked door in an unremarkable building in the gritty southeast New York borough opens into a space that just breathes boxing:

walls covered with posters of champions, four rings, heavy training bags, speed bags, jump ropes.

The images of Muhammad Ali, who many consider the greatest boxer in history and who turns 70 on Tuesday, are everywhere in Gleason's and the gym's owner, Bruce Silverglade, proudly remembers the ties that unite them.

"He came up here and prepared himself for the fighting that stunned the world," Silverglade told AFP, referring to the 1964 heavyweight title bout with Sonny Liston, which made a legend of Ali, then known as Cassius Clay.

Silverglade, now 75, later had the opportunity to meet Ali on several occasions, and came to admire him not just as a prizefighter but as a man, one who for years now has endured the ravages of Parkinson's disease.

"Ali is different. Everyone knows Muhammad Ali. And being Ali, the most famous person in the world, he is just a nice person as he has always been. When he comes in Gleason's Gym, he makes time to talk to everyone, to go around, to shake hands," he said.

The gymnasium currently has 1,050 members, including 450 amateur boxers. Among the 600 people who box there for fun are 320 women. And for many of the gym's denizens, Ali is a source of veneration and inspiration.

Self-proclaimed "The Greatest," Ali was born Cassius Marcellus Clay January 17, 1942 in Louisville, Kentucky. As a professional, he earned 56 victories in 61 fights, 37 of those by a knockout. He is the first and only boxer to win the unified world heavyweight championship three times.

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McDonald's extends olympic games partnership through to 2020



INNSBRUCK, Austria -- The International Olympic Committee (IOC) and McDonald's Corporation announced today that McDonald's has extended its global sponsorship agreement until 2020.

The announcement was made at the first ever Winter Youth Olympic Games in Innsbruck, Austria, in the presence of IOC President Jacques Rogge and McDonald's President and Chief Operating Officer Don Thompson.

Commenting on the announcement, President Rogge said: "We are delighted that McDonald's, our long-time and valued Olympic Partner for more than 35 years, is continuing its ongoing commitment not only to help fund the Olympic Games but also to support the Olympic Movement around the world and ultimately the athletes themselves."

Chief Operating Officer Don Thompson commented: "We share the Olympic ideals of teamwork, excellence and being your best. Those ideals are at the heart of what McDonald's stands for and how we've brought the Games to life. Feeding the athletes is a tradition we are extremely proud of, and we look forward to continuing our role in helping to make the Games possible."

As a TOP Sponsor and Official Restaurant of the Olympic Games, the agreement with the Olympic Movement includes sponsorship of the National Olympic Committees and their Olympic teams for the Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games, Rio 2016 Olympic Games, PyeongChang 2018 Olympic Winter Games and the 2020 Olympic Games, for which the host city has yet to be elected. The agreement also includes the Youth Olympic Games (YOG): the current Innsbruck 2012 Winter YOG, Nanjing 2014 YOG, Lillehammer 2016 Winter YOG and the 2018 YOG and 2020 Winter YOG, for which the host cities have yet to be elected.

American football: Paterno speaks out on child sex scandal

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Former Penn State gridiron coach Joe Paterno, fired in the wake of a child sex scandal involving an assistant coach, has admitted in his first interview since the crisis that he "didn't know exactly how to handle it."

Paterno was fired last November for not having taken tougher action against assistant coach Jerry Sandusky after

being told about an incident in a locker room shower in which the coach was allegedly molesting a 10-year-old boy.

"I didn't know exactly how to handle it and I was afraid to do something that might jeopardize what the university procedure was," Paterno told the Washington Post in an interview posted Saturday on the newspaper's website.

"So I backed away and turned it over to some other people, people I thought would have a little more expertise than I did. It didn't work out that way."

Sandusky, on the Penn State University staff from 1969 through 1999, is facing trial after being accused of more than 50 counts of molesting 10 boys over an 11-year period. He has denied the charges.

"I'm sick about it" if Sandusky is proven guilty, Paterno said.

Paterno's 61-year coaching career was ended with a phone-call firing that sparked a riot around the Penn State campus in State College, Pennsylvania.

Bill O'Brien, offensive coordinator for the NFL's New England Patriots, signed a five-year deal last Saturday to become the first new gridiron head coach in 46 years for the Nittany Lions, replacing 85-year-old legend Paterno.

Paterno was in a wheelchair with a broken pelvis and weak from chemotherapy for lung cancer for the exclusive interview with the Post.

He said he was "shocked and saddened" by the events and struggled to cope when told of Sandusky's actions.

"We never had, until that point, 58 years I think, I had never had to deal with something like that. And I didn't feel adequate," Paterno said.

Paterno said he can only wonder how Sandusky escaped detection for so long.

"I wish I knew," Paterno said. "I don't know the answer to that. It's hard."

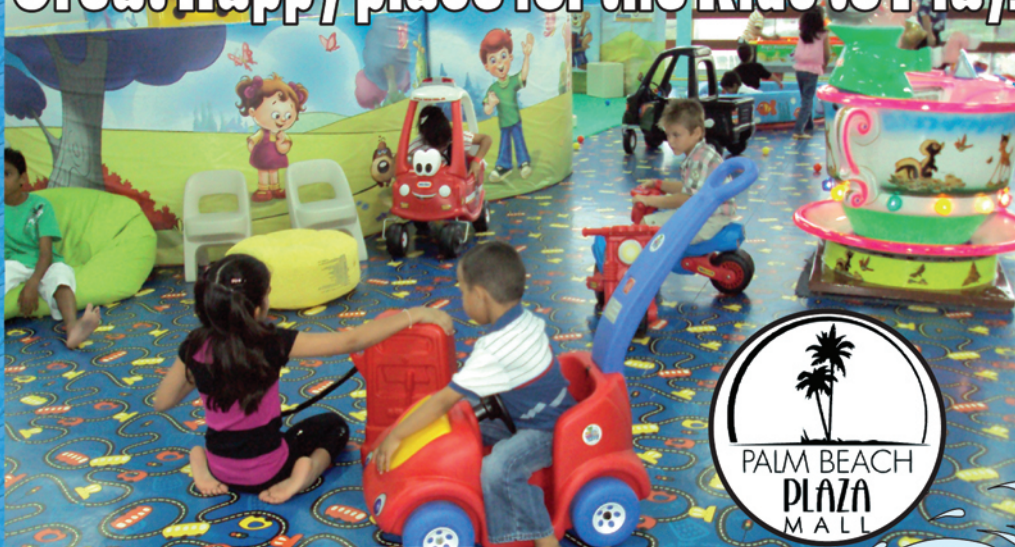
Paterno said he had "no inkling" Sandusky might be a pedophile but has also said that when he learned of the incident, "In hindsight, I wish I had done more."

Former Penn State athletic director Tim Curley and vice president Gary Schultz have pleaded not guilty to charges of perjury and failing to report suspected child abuse.


Paterno forwarded the report to his superiors to meet his legal obligations and has not been accused of wrongdoing, but his iconic image was diminished for not taking greater action against Sandusky, 67.


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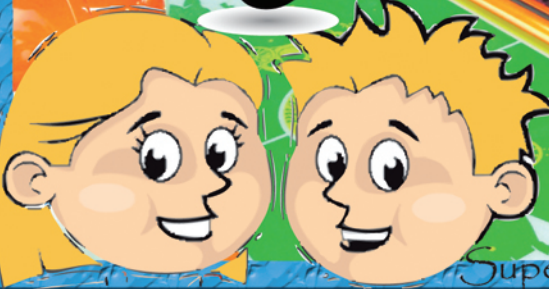
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